

Moran Announces Funding for Army Reserve Facility in Hays

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation to fund military construction projects for 2005. The legislation includes funding to improve the United States Army Reserve Center in Hays.

"It is important that our military men and women have the equipment and facilities necessary to guarantee that our fighting force is prepared to defend our country," Moran said. "The role of our guard and reserve troops in today's military is increasingly important as we have downsized our active duty troops. Kansans have always taken great pride in hosting our troops, and we want to ensure that they have what is necessary to support our war effort."

Today's legislation includes \$7.451 million for construction of a storage building and warehouse that will provide the unit with adequate facilities to carry out their assigned duties. The new facility will be built on Commerce Parkway between Old Highway 40 and 13th Street. Currently, the center is located downtown in a flood plain area and is overcrowded. Funds for the new facility are critical to ensuring the unit's ability to effectively prepare for wartime tasks and prepare for impending mobilization and training.

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